Alarm Among the Puny Jans. The Japanese are getting anxious about their physique, which is deteriorating so much that the land of flowers may in course of time become a land of babies. The military authorities have discovered that their men cannot use the ordinary rifle because it is too long for them and have been compelled in consequence to arm them with special short firearms. Recent investigations have shown that the students are among the worst developed specimens of humanity on the face of the earth, the finished product of the Japanese university generally presenting the appearance of a puny, sickly,

The Price.

undeveloped youth.

"Yes," grurted the great chief, they have come to set up their laws over our land and to take possession of the hills and the valleys and the fertile plains that have been ours. But they have paid a price that will stagger humanity!" Then taking the jug, for the contents of which he had traded off the lands of his tribe, he tilted the bottom toward the planet Mars and was satisfied.

Superannuation Allowance in Canada. According to the public accounts of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, the sum of \$325,560.47 was paid out by the Dominion in superannuation allowances to civil servants and others during the periods of 1898-1899.

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The number of summer students at the University of Berlin has trebled since 1873.

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Germany has a new association of li-brarians, sixty of whom recently had a convention at Marburg.

Chicago's latest count shows that it has

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syruptor children teething, softens the gums, reducing Inflamma-tion, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c, a bottle. During 1899 Spain bought sixty-seven ves-

sels in England, most of them for Bilbao.

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Sheep in Spain. in Spain there are some ten million of migratory sheeep, which every year travel as much as two hundred miles the "delectable mountains," the snows descend. These sheep are known as transhumantes, and their march, resting places and behavior are regulated by ancient and special laws one is allowed to travel on the same to graze on all open and common land on the way, and for which a road ninety yards wide must be left on all inclosed and private property. The shepherds lead the flocks, the sheep follow and the flocks are accompanied by mules carrying provisions, and large dogs which act as guards against the wolves. The merino sheep trave four hundred miles to the mountains, and the total time spent on migration there and back is fourteen weeks .-The Spectator.

A BRAVE BIRD.

True Courage Not Incompatible with Nervousness.

ture that lives, in spite of its natural timidity. From which we may learn that true courage is not incompatible with nervousness, and that heroism does not mean the absence of fear, but the conquest of it. Who does not remember the first time he ever ran across a hen partridge with her brood, as he was strolling through the woods in June? How splendidly the old bird forgets herself in her efforts to defend and side her young! Smaller birds are no less daring. One evening last summer I was walking up the Ristigouche from Camp Harmony to Mowett's Rock, where my canoe was waiting for me, to fish for salmon. As I stepped out from a thicket on to the shingly bank of the river a spotted sandpiper teetered along before me, followed by three young ones. Frightened at first, the mother flew out a few feet over the water. But the piperlings could not fly, having no feathers, and they crept onder a crooked log. I rolled the log over very gently and took one of the cowering creatures into my hand-a tiny, palpitating scrap of life, covered with soft gray down, and peeping shrilly, like a Lilliputian chicken. And now the mother was transformed. Her fear was changed into fury. She was a bully, a fighter, an Amazon in feathers. She flew at me with loud cries, dashing herself almost into my face. I was a tyrant, a robber, a kidnaper, and she called heaven to witness that she would never give up her offspring without a struggle. Then she changed her tactics and appealed to my baser passions. She fell to the ground and fluttered around me as if her wing were broken. "Look!"

AWFUL FAMINE

she seemed to say. "I am bigger than

that poor little baby. If you must eat

something, eat me! My wing is lame.

I can't fly. You can easily catch me.

Let that little bird go!" And so I

did, and the whole family disappeared

in the bushes as if by magic. I won-

dered whether the mother was saying

to herself, after the manner of her

sex, that men are stupid things, after

all, and no match for the cleverness of

righteous cause.-Dr. Henry Van

That Is Now Making of India One Vast Charnel Pen.

The famine area in India is about

350,000 square miles, and extends over the central, south and northwestern provinces, says Leslie's Weekly. No pen could describe its awful horrors. Some of the things proved by photography are too realistically horrible to be reproduced in any publication, we print only a few of and the less frightful photographs taken by the missionaries, because many have not believed that such an awful condition could exist in this cenpers after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Kurve Restorer Etrial bottle and treatise free DR. R. H. KLINE. Ltd., 231 Arch St., Phila., Pa. tives crawl to the house of the nearest sahib, usually a missionary, to crave food; but 60,000 mouths have to be fed. Fifteen dollars a year will feed a Hindu, yet even this pitiable allowance is not to be had. The causes of the famine are the failure of the crops, the refusal of the native princes to allow their hunting jungles to be converted into fertile agricultural regions, and the mysterious disappearance of a special famine fund of \$100,000,000, collected by the government after the famine of 1877. The Hindu is a strict vegetarian. The low-caste Hindu is a fatalist. So, when famine stalks abroad where the shepherds feed them till the Hindu submits uncomplainingly. Day by day he will subsist on less food, until at last, when a mere shadow, he will drag his bony self to a relief station. There he may get food-or he and tribunals, dating from the four- may not. If not, he crouches in some teenth century. At certain times no corner, or out in the fields, under God's trees, and awaits the coming of death. route as the sheep, which have a right | The majority of the victims are women and children.

They Used Him.

"Spare me!" cried the captive, "and I will be your slave for life. I am a cook by trade, and can make any dish you desire." "Well," replied the cannibal king, "you do look as if you would make a good hash. I think we can use you." This reply, somewhat ambiguous, left the captive in doubt, but alas! not for long .- Philadelphia

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nausea, vomiting, dyspepsia, indigestion.

THE PLEASURES OF EGOTISM.

Would I were such an egotist As one I chance to know—
Who deems himself the greatest man
Of all men here below—
Who thinks himself the handosmest
Of all God's creatures here—
Who thinks his smile makes women glad, I suppose a bird is the bravest crea-His frown a thing they fear.

> Av. tell bin. if you please, that he's No better than the rest; Reyeal to him the truth that they Who praise him only jest, And he will flout your words and look With lefty scorn on you, Declaring that you're jealous, and Sincerely think it, too!

Would I were fashioned as he is,
With all his lack of wit;
The butt of people's feetle jests.
But ne'er believing it.
Who toil for knowledge or for wealth.
Or why should fame be sweet,
When one might be so happy in
His own immense conceit? His own immense conceit?
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

PITH AND POINT.

Hoax-"Does a dressmaker sew seams?" Joax—"It seems so."

"They are thinking of praying for "Nonsense!" we replied. "Bet-

ter hold a picnic."-Harper's Bazar. "Pa, what is borrowing trouble?" "Well, lending a new lawn mower is a pretty good imitation of it."-Chica- The right side of my abdomen pained

Old Lady-"Do you go to the University?" Conductor (ringing up fare) doctor told my hus--"No, lady, I don't, or I wouldn't be band I would have to holdin' down a job like dis."

"Yes, both the criminals got away without any trouble." "What were the police doing?" "Chasing theories."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Such a thought never entered my head,
Pm quite sure," said the dude;
"Because, I presume," the maid replied,
"It couldn't stand solitude."
—Chicago News.

"What would man be had it not been for woman?" shouted the suf-frage orator, "He'd had an extra rib!" screeched a boy in the rear.—Chicago

"The most difficult problem in life is to grow old gracefully." "Oh, I don't think so; it is much more of a problem to stay young gracefully."-Chicago

Denler-"Five dollars for this beautiful painting. Why, man, the frame is worth more than that." Connoisseur "Yes, but not with that picture in a female who stoops to deception in a it."-Boston Transcript.

"So Belle is engaged to a one-armed man?" "Yes; she says she admires him for the way in which he went to work to win his way single-handed."-Philadelphia Bulletin,

She-"I'm sure she loves you." He-'I wish I was as sure of it; for I love her." She-"Well, then, why don't you marry her? Is there any impediment?" He-"Yes; there's one. It's in my speech."

"The first Board of Education, I presume," observed the professor, "was really a shingle, and when needed for educational purposes was usually wielded, I dare say, by the mother."-Chicago Tribune.

Friend-"You took your son into your establishment some months ago to teach him the business, I understand, How did it turn out?" Business Man (wearily)-"Great success. He's teaching me now."-New York Weekly. They claim he has trouble in meeting his

Which proves they don't know what they say; For his greatest trouble, as every one

Is just to keep out of their way.

-Philadelphia Record. "This half a dollar doesn't sound right," said the smart clerk, ringing the half a dollar on his counter. "Humph!" said his coarse customer. "What do you want for half a dollar, anyway? An operatic solo with orchestral accompaniment?"

Liszt's Feat of Memory. In the Century, William Mason, the

veteran American musician, tells of a remarkable feat of memory performed by the composer Liszt:

My friend knew Liszt very well, and having taken a fancy to a composition of mine, "Les Perles de Rosee," which was still in manuscript, he said: "Let me have it for publication. Dedicate it to Liszt. I can easily get Liszt () accept the dedication. I am going directly from here to Weimar, and will see him about it. At the same time, I will prepare the way for your reception later as a pupil."

Not long afterward I received a letter from my friend in which he told me that when he handed the music to Liszt, the latter looked at the manuscript, hummed it over, then sat down, and played it from memory. Then, going to his desk, he took a pen, and accepted the dedication by writing his name at the top of the titlepage. Encouraged by this, I wrote a letter to Liszt, expressing my desire to become one of his pupils and asking what my chances were. Unfortunately, I misinterpreted his reply and received the impression that it amounted to a refusal; but at the same time he gave me a cordial invitation to attend the festival about to take place at Weimer in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of Goethe's birth. I still have this letter, which is dated August 18, 1849. Had I understood then that Liszt was ready to accept me as a pupil, I should have taken up my residence at Weimar at once, instead of waiting until I learned my mistake, as I did during a call which I paid to Liszt nearly four years

In the Pulpit at Ninety-eight.

Although ninety-eight years of age. the Rev. R. C. Chapman continues to preach regularly. Seventy-eight years ago he gave up a lucrative practice as a solicitor in London and started religious work in connection with the Plymouth Brethren at Barnstable. Since then be has preached regularly, and old age has in no way diminished his Vigor.-London Express. -

The Age of Birds.

Mr. J. H. Gurney, in an article in the Ibis, discusses a number of facts, collected from various books and papers, regarding the age to which birds live. Mr. Dresser, in his "Birds of Europe," gives an instance of a raven having lived sixty-nine years. Mr Meade-Waldo has in captivity a pair of eagle owls, one of which is sixty-eight and the other fifty-three years old. Since 1864 these birds have bred regularly, and have now reared ninetythree young ones. A Batelur eagle and a condor in the Zoological gardens at Amsterdam are still alive at the respective ages of fifty-five and fifty-two. An imperial eagle of the age of fiftysix, a golden eagle of forty-six and a sea eagle of forty-two, and many other birds of the age of forty downward are also recorded.

OVARIAN TROUBLES.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cures Them -Two Letters from Women. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-I write to tell you of the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me. I was sick in bed about five weeks.

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better."-Mrs. Mary Smith, Arlington

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